

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4888**  
Tomohiro OKUMURA et al. : Docket No. 2003\_1689A  
Serial No. 10/720,092 : Group Art Unit 2812  
Filed November 25, 2003 :  
PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975**

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application  
as follows: